



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Vegetable Harvest Continues

Vegetable harvest continued during the week, weather conditions allowed farmers 6.3 days suitable for field work. Snap beans are 51 percent harvested, 22 percent ahead of normal, while cantaloupes, cucumbers, sweet corn, and tomatoes are running slightly behind schedule. Potatoes are 27 percent harvested, 18 percent behind the average for this time of year.

Corn and Soybean conditions continue to deteriorate due to the lack of moisture. Crop stress is being reported, especially for dry-land crops in thin soil areas. Yield damage already reported in some areas. There are concerns about the ability of late double cropped soybeans to survive if the dry conditions continue.

Winter wheat is 94 percent harvested, 13 percent ahead of last year, and 7 percent ahead of the five year average. Barley harvest is virtually complete.

Topsoil moisture is currently rated 23 percent adequate, 48 percent short, and 29 percent very short. Subsoil moisture is rated 12 percent adequate, 44 percent short, and 44 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Planting Progress:				
Soybeans	96	94	94	93
Harvesting Progress:				
Winter Wheat	94	89	81	87
Cantaloupes	11	6	18	15
Cucumbers	36	31	46	39
Potatoes	27	13	29	45
Snap beans	51	46	26	29
Sweet Corn	29	14	27	21
Tomatoes	11	5	13	12
Crop Progress				
Corn, silked	46	38	44	36
Tobacco, bloomed	10	5	19	18
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 nd cutting	51	35	57	54
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	20	19	18	19
Alfalfa, 2nd cutting	92	90	81	82
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	27	22	24	16

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	11	26	39	23	1
Sorghum	0	0	50	50	0
Soybeans	10	21	40	27	2
Tobacco	5	8	54	28	5
Range & Pasture	19	33	32	15	1

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